

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout entitled *Attic.doc* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The computer printout contains a fictional story explicitly describing a man using coercion and violence to compel a woman to participate in sexual conduct involving extreme bondage and which is performed as a punishment.

The publication supports the use of violence and coercion in association with sexual conduct and legitimises these elements by focusing on the non-consensual nature of the sexual activity as the prime element of arousal.

The computer printout meets criteria under s3(2)(b) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, and is therefore deemed to be objectionable. A classification of "objectionable" places a limit on the right to the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, in relation to this publication, the classification is a reasonable limit prescribed by law that can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

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